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on Friday, 29 January 1999, at 10 a.m.

Chairperson: Miss MASON

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The discussion covered in the summary record began at 12.45 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF STATES PARTIES (agenda item 4) (continued)

Adoption of concluding observations

1. The CHAIRPERSON invited the Committee to adopt its concluding observations concerning the initial and second periodic reports of States parties considered at its twentieth session.

Initial report of Austria (CRC/C/11/Add.14)

2. The concluding observations concerning the initial report of Austria were adopted.

Initial report of Belize (CRC/C/3/Add.46)

3. The concluding observations concerning the initial report of Belize were adopted.

Initial report of Guinea (CRC/C/3/Add.48)

4. The concluding observations concerning the initial report of Guinea were adopted.

Second periodic report of Sweden (CRC/C/65/Add.3)

5. The concluding observations concerning the second periodic report of Sweden were adopted.

Second periodic report of Yemen (CRC/C/70/Add.1)

6. The concluding observations concerning the second periodic report of Yemen were adopted.

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST SESSION (CRC/C/84, chap. IV)

7. The draft provisional agenda for the twenty-first session was adopted.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ITS TWENTIETH SESSION (CRC/C/84)

8. The CHAIRPERSON, introducing the draft report of the Committee on its twentieth session (CRC/C/84), briefly reviewed the main chapters: organizational and other matters, reports by States parties under article 44 of the Convention and overview of the other activities of the Committee. In that latter chapter, emphasis was placed on cooperation with United Nations and other competent bodies, the question of the draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflicts, the question of the draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the prevention of the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and the future thematic debate on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Convention, entitled "The Convention on the Rights of the Child: a decade of achievements and challenges". If

there was no objection, she would take it that the Committee wished to adopt the draft report on its twentieth session as a whole.

9. It was so decided.

CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

10. The CHAIRPERSON said that the twentieth session would be her last not only as Chairperson, but as a member of the Committee. The eight years she had spent on the Committee had been extremely rewarding. After thanking the members of the Committee, including past members, and all the Secretariat staff, she declared the twentieth session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child closed.

The meeting rose at 12.55 p.m.